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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, OSO

Subject: Travel Regulations

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1. The Special Funds Regulations established by the Director provide that all travel on Unvouchered Funds will be compensated for in accordance with standard Government travel regulations.

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2. A recent case presented for a ruling by this office has brought to our attention the fact that there is a provision in [redacted] dated 25 June 1947, on the rotation of personnel which is not in accord with standard Government travel regulations. The specific case has been discussed with the Director, and he has indicated that he wishes to make no exception to his previous regulations under the circumstances presented.

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3. The provision of [redacted] referred to above is paragraph 3c(1). The first sentence specifies that an employee who is to return to the same overseas post or another overseas post will be returned to Washington for temporary duty. This statement is incomplete. Where the individual is to return to the same overseas post, the entire trip will be temporary duty. Where he is reassigned to another overseas post, the actual transfer to the new post will be for permanent change of station, although his orders to Washington will be for temporary duty incidental to the permanent change. The second sentence of this paragraph permits the payment of dependents travel. This is specifically opposed to standard Government travel regulations, as there can be no authorization for the travel of dependents on TD orders. Therefore, where the employee is returning to the same overseas post, no provision can be made for travel of his dependents. Where he is to proceed to a new post, his dependents may travel at Government expense from the old post to the new, but if they accompany the employee for the tour of temporary duty in the States, any expense over and above that authorized for the PCS will be at the individual's expense. Where return to Washington is for assignment here, or termination, or where the future assignment is unknown, the travel to Washington will be on PCS orders with provision for the travel of dependents at Government expense.

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4. We suggest that appropriate changes be made in S.O.
[REDACTED] A draft of a paragraph to supersede
the present 3c(1) and (2) is attached.

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(2) If the individual is returned for termination, or assignment to duty in Washington, or if his future station cannot be ascertained at the time his return is directed, he will return to Washington under orders for permanent change of station, including authority for the travel of his dependents at Government expense.

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